

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

I'm looking out my back yard at changing colors that are expected at this time and a pool that is still uncovered. Sort of like DRA work, and in fact most all volunteer organizations at this time of year, things undone while trying to energize for the coming year.

Please read the New Hampshire report on the next page. This group has met regularly since meeting at DBM in the late summer of '92. Yet still we have people questioning the purpose of DRA. There is certainly room for change in our constitution, we have asked several times for volunteers to address the suggestions made by the leadership council when the Board was first elected. That still needs to be done. It doesn't require legislative "hot shots" but rather two or three people who can study the matter and make some recommendations.

I'm still looking forward to a DRA social function, many of you have said we should be doing something like that. Isn't there someone out there that just loves to organize fun time events? As most of you know there is no longer an "Employee Activity" function at Digital, so how about the DRA having an event. Primarily for retirees but maybe for everyone.



Presently there are five members on the BOD and there are nine allowed. meetings are open to all. Visit us some time (open meetings), you may decide to join. us. Our schedule is shown on page x.

And once more in closing, the board is ready to help any of you who wish to get a group started on the way to becoming a chapter. See page PrezInfo for contact info.

Bob Moore

ANNUAL MEETING ACTION ITEM

Please read the following so that we all have a common understanding of the purpose for our organization as stated in the DRA constitution.

Article II. Purpose

Section 1.

The purpose of the Association shall be:

- a. To share the experience of retirement.
- b. To serve as a sounding board for the exchange of retirement ideas.
- c. To establish a forum in which valuable and interesting information can be presented to the membership by invited guest speakers or by informational mailings.
- d. To encourage the exchange of ideas among the members in areas such as business, professional, hobbies, volunteer services, continuing employment, etc.
- e. To provide information and plans for group activities such as travel, camping, social and sporting events, etc.
- f. To continue the Digital experience after retirement.
- g. To provide a supporting link during the employee's pre-retirement as well as a stimulating forum for open discussion after retirement.
- h. To act as a resource for retirees and their spouses in the administration of their retirement benefits.
- i. To influence legislation affecting members through association with other retiree groups.
- j. To influence DEC policies as affecting retirees.

Health care center taking over Digital mill Building
Maynard — . . . headquarters for Digital . . . will become a multi-million dollar residential, health care center for the elderly. . . Franklin Lifecare Corp., a for-profit company, . . . plan to spend between \$20 and \$50 million over the next five years to . . . (create) . . . a 1,000 bed elder care complex . . . Mill Pond Village, . . . to provide housing, health care, education and medical research for the elderly.

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DEC'ed Out Editorial Policy

All items submitted for publication in *DEC'ed Out* are subject to editing for style and fit, i.e., make it fit the space.

PUBLISHER'S COMMENT



Out is never circulated until the BOD has reviewed the initial meeting could not occur in time for the New Hampshire Chapter meeting in September. However, a special edition of *DEC'ed Out* was mailed to xx people with a special message regarding the agenda for the September meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The primary income for the DRA is membership dues. Primary expenses are: e commercial publication of *DEC'ed Out*; first class postage for circulation of *DEC'ed Out*; and phone expenses for the DRA Information Line (508) 366-1430.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Presently, we have 400 paid members. This is an increase of 50 over the summer. I urge you to look at the list published in June and if someone you know is not shown, please encourage them to send in a completed membership application.

THE OPTIONAL INSURANCE RESERVE REFUND COMMITTEE

Legal counsel retained by this group continues pursuit of this matter. The DRA BOD offer space to any group working on issues for retirees or displaced workers to report on their activity. No news this month so we simply remind you

Things Take Time

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NEW HAMPSHIRE REPORT

The New Hampshire Chapter met at the Nashua Public Library on Monday, September 19, for the primary purpose of nomination of officers for the coming year.

Dick Allen agreed to his nomination as Treasurer for the coming year, but there were no nominations for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Secretary.

The October meeting is for the election of officers, so please come prepared to volunteer or nominate someone. Alan Keiran has stated that he will be moving out of New England, so continuance of this DRA chapter is dependent on people willing to serve as officers.

Alan, announced a new Coordination Committee to plan meetings and respond to ideas and suggestions sent to them by chapter members. The committee consists of:

Vic Snowden, Chair	362-5275
Ed Duffett	882-3383
Slyvia Holley	882-1891
Rudy Hackl	472-5891
Gerry Olsen	889-6085

There were several suggestions for future programs made at the meeting and the new Coordination Committee will take them under advisement as they grapple with the future of the New Hampshire Chapter. Please let them know your concerns, ideas, and suggestions to help maintain the viability of the New Hampshire Chapter, and the DRA.

Roy Stone, produced a membership card for the New Hampshire Chapter. Some were passed at the meeting, and Dick Allen will take care of distributing the rest of them. Thank you Roy for taking the initiative.

The Nashua Public Library, 7-9 P.M., has been reserved for DRA use on the following dates during 1994 and 1995:

Mon, October 24	Tues, February 21
Wed, November 23	Wed, March 22
Tues, December 20	Mon, April 24

Tues, January 24 Wed, May 24

Election of Officers

Please be there



Getting Started Starter The board will assist anyone in this role. We will produce and mail a **Call to Meeting** postcard for any area in the country.

The **Framingham/Sudbury** group has an October xx, meeting at 2:00 P.M. in the Senior Center in Sudbury. Please contact one of the following people, Paul Farand, 879-1362, Jean Gerhardt, 263-7770, and John Saarinen, 897-5494, if you wish to be part of this exciting time for another local DRA chapter.

The "**Boros**" group has interested potential members but no leadership at this time. The Northboro Fire Station is available for a meeting place if scheduled by a Northboro resident. So, please, someone(s) step forward and agree to lead an effort to organize and deliver another chapter. The original thought was to center this group around Northboro, because of the "free" meeting room, and to include all of the nearby communities.



Need DEC'ed Out Staff

One or more people. To sign up, call Bob Moore at 508-256-9537. Bob will deliver templates, styles, and archived stuff within 24 hours of your call should **you** agree to become the next **DEC'ed Out** Publisher.

NEW VENTURE

We still want to rerun the list of New Ventures but we want to be correct. Please let us know if your business is still operating, and any new activities not previously reported. Please send information to DRA, PO Box 86, Westboro, MA 01581.

ADDITIONAL WORDS

AARP Participation - Ed Braniecki, board member and NH Chapter member is our first known AARP volunteer, having recently joined a NH AARP Action Team which is planning the upcoming seminar listed below. Please, let us know which AARP Chapter you belong to and any special involvement you have with AARP.

AARP Event Free Admission

"Think of Your Financial Future" Saturday, October 22, 8 A.M. - Noon, Notre Dame College, Elm Street, Manchester, NH. Keynote speaker is Herb Salls from the Social Security.

Information Sessions planned are:

- 1 Social Security
 - 1 Retirement Planning and Goals
 - 1 Understanding Pensions
 - 1 Estate Planning
 - 1 Lifestyle Options in Retirement
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NH WORKS — Electronic Bulletin Board maintained by New Hampshire Employment Security includes "Job Possibilities" and "Resume Folder." For information to dial up NH WORKS, call Susan Diversi 1-800-852-3400, ext 4082 or 228-4082. There are different numbers for 9600 baud and higher, and for 2400 baud and lower.

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New Hampshire Chapter
Minutes of September 19, 1994 Meeting

The September 19 meeting of the New Hampshire DRA Chapter was held at the Nashua Public Library. It was a disappointment that only 19 of the 97 people invited chose to attend despite widespread publicity and a further problem was that there were no nominations, other than Treasurer, for leadership.

There was a widespread discussion of what attendees wanted to include in the purpose statement for the New Hampshire DRA Chapter including one of allowing individuals to present their own ideas as leaders on single meetings. This has great merit. Also discussed were the following programs:

- AARP presentation on Senior Driving for those over 55
- AARP to conduct a Living Will Workshop
- Elder Hostel presentation on travels worldwide and Continuing Education

Specific subjects for future discussion in any Purpose Statement for the New Hampshire DRA Chapter:

- The DRA is not an adversary with DEC
- How can we help DEC?
- How can we receive up to date information on DEC benefits?
- Better communications between DEC and DRA are required
- Are we a social, a business, or both a social and business organization? How does this affect the meeting schedules
- What volunteer activities can or should we promote?

For the purpose of establishing contacts that members can approach to discuss meeting desires and a group to provide future meeting agendas, we have formed the DRA Coordination Committee, consisting of the following:

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Sylvia Holley	882-1891	Ed Duffett	882-3383
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All are invited to contact any of those noted. Reservations for the Nashua Public Library are as follows: (All at 7 PM)

Monday, October 24	Tuesday, December 20	Tuesday, February 21	Monday, April 24
Wednesday, November 23	Tuesday, January 24	Wednesday, March 22	Wednesday, May 24

While the ideas for Purpose amendments indicated a general belief that the DRA should be a continuing organization the silence that responded to my request for 1994 officer nominations was a severe roadblock to future New Hampshire DRA Chapter longevity. Despite this a meeting will be held at 7 PM on Monday, October 24 for the purpose of electing New Hampshire DRA Chapter officers for Chair, Co-chair, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition I am delighted to announce that Digital's Beverly Robbins-Gordon will once again address our group on the Open Enrollment Package due to us in the mail in early October and she will be in a position as well to address Senior Medical plans to be offered to each of us who take Medicare Option B when we and a spouse reach age 65. A revised retiree benefits booklet has been approved and will be available shortly.

During the last year I have tried to present programs you requested and which were of interest including three talks by Mrs. Gordon. In August a dozen of our cohorts met in a dinner meeting to discuss the continuance of DRA. It was agreed that its continuance was an asset even if only to present a united front in the event of future - though not anticipated - changes.

Now we face the at home issue of the continuation of the New Hampshire DRA Chapter.

So the October 24 meeting will be held to discuss Open Enrollment AND TO ELECT OFFICERS. Each of you is urged to attend with nominations in mind. If silence continues to be a response a consensus must be reached as to our future as a DRA chapter. Don't let failure be our reward.

Alan Keiran

[The text on this page is exactly as received from Alan. 2/1/95]